

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ACCRA 04332 311013Z  
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11  
HA-05 TRSE-00 IO-13 /082 W  
-----020020 010110Z /64  
R 310910Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ACCRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3835

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ACCRA 4332

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, GH  
SUBJ: KUMASI PIONEER RESUMES PUBLICATION

REF: ACCRA 4125

1. PIONEER, ONE OF GHANA'S TWO INDEPENDENT PAPERS, RESUMED PUBLICATION MAY 26 AFTER BEING SHUT DOWN MAY 10 BY ASHANTI REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OSEI. IN ITS MAY 26 EDITION, PAPER EXPLAINED THAT OSEI HAD OBJECTED TO STORY ENTITLED "UNIVERSITY CLOSED DOWN," ON GROUNDS THAT IT LEFT IMPRESSION GOG HAD CLOSED UNIVERSITY WHEN IN FACT ACADEMIC BOARD AT LEGON HAD MADE DECISION. ACCORDING TO PIONEER, OSEI SENT TWO ARMED SOLDIERS TO FETCH EDITOR; SINCE HE WAS OUT OF KUMASI, THEY BROUGHT MANAGING DIRECTOR INSTEAD. OSEI THEN TOLD MANAGING DIRECTOR THAT HE WAS BANNING PAPER BECAUSE IT HAD NOT CHANGED ITS ANTI-GOVERNMENT POLICY DESPITE PREVIOUS WARNINGS. FOLLOWING PROTESTS BY GHANA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION TO COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION YARNEY, OSEI BACKED DOWN AND AT A MAY 22 MEETING CLAIMED HE HAD NOT REALLY BANNED PIONEER BUT MERELY WARNED THAT HE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO DO SO IF IT DID NOT CHANGE ITS POLICIES.

2. COMMENT: PIONEER'S ACCOUNT HAS THE RING OF TRUTH TO IT AND CORRESPONDS IN SUBSTANCE TO WORD WE GET PRIVATELY -- THAT OSEI OVERREACTED TO PIONEER'S STORY ON UNIVERSITY CLOSURE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ACCRA 04332 311013Z

AND WAS OVERRULED BY THE CASTLE (GHANA'S WHITE HOUSE). PAPER APPEARED ON SCHEDULE AGAIN MAY 29. SMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CENSORSHIP, NEWSPAPERS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978ACCRA04332  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780228-0400  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** ACCRA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t1978055/aaaaadyp.tel  
**Line Count:** 57  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** adfbb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 ACCRA 4125  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2666731  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KUMASI PIONEER RESUMES PUBLICATION  
**TAGS:** PINS, PINT, SHUM, GH  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/adfbb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014